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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2004, in which the Examiner has required restriction between several patentably distinct species. Applicant hereby provisionally elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of the species of Figs. 17 and 18 and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions of the other species. Claims 1-10, 12-17 and 19-22 read on the elected species.

To partially assist the Examiner in understanding Applicants' listing of claims readable on the elected species, and not for the purpose of limiting the scope of the claims to the disclosed embodiments, the Examiner's attention is directed to the final paragraph on page 8 of the specification.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

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